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Dr. Leland Parr,
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Parr-

We have been trying to locate a culture of the Garrett strain of *Escherichia coli-mutabile*, on the lactase content of which Deere published some observations about 10 years ago. Dr. I. D. Michelson informed me that this culture was no longer extant at the University of Tennessee, but mentioned that a set of cultures, including the Garrett strain, had been sent to you, some time ago.

If this strain is still available in your culture collection, I would be very grateful for a transfer of it, as I believe that the question of the lactase content of lactose-non-fermenters can be cleared up on the basis of other work we have been doing. If the strain cannot be provided directly, I would appreciate any further leads that you might have towards finding it.

Yours very sincerely,

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